

THE REPUBLICAN TICKET

Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, and Charles Warren Fairbanks, of Indiana, were yesterday nominated for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency, respectively, of the United States. Unparalleled enthusiasm marked their selection by the Republican National convention in Chicago, and throughout the Union the news has been received with a satisfaction the meaning of which may not be mistaken.

There are elements of strength in this ticket that must commend it to every class of our society. First of all, it is composed of young men, for Mr. Roosevelt is but 45 years old, while Mr. Fairbanks has just passed his fifty-second birthday. Of each man it can also be said that to the energy and earnestness of purpose of his youth he adds the knowledge that has come from active participation in the great affairs of his generation. Both men have had the advantage of specific as well as liberal education and both have lived close to the people, for Mr. Fairbanks is a fine example of that characteristic American product, the self-made man, while Mr. Roosevelt has from personal desire added to his store knowledge alike of life in the established East and the forming West.

Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Fairbanks both attained their pre-eminence in public life in the opening of the new epoch of our nationality that came with the administration of William McKinley. Intimately associated with him they saw and had their part in the wiping out of sectionalism, the waging of the fruitful war of 1898 and the establishment of the United States as an acknowledged world power. They aided in the direction of our destinies during the period of our greatest prosperity and they come singularly well equipped for the conservation of that prosperity and for the protection of the new interests that now belong to the Nation.

It is significant, too, that neither Mr. Roosevelt nor Mr. Fairbanks was opposed for the honor that is now his. They were nominated by acclamation and no man may say that his was a result of apathy, which, aside from unanimity of desire, would seem to be the only condition under which such a thing could be possible. The enthusiasm that reigned yesterday in Chicago is proof conclusive that the convention's work was not done perfunctorily. When Harrison was named at Minneapolis in 1892 the acclaim that followed was uninterrupted for the space of 21 minutes, the record until that time. When McKinley was nominated the second time, at Philadelphia in 1900, the cheering lasted a full minute longer than it had eight years before. But even this record of 1900 was broken yesterday, when the completion of the ticket provoked a joyous uproar that lasted for 23 minutes. Surely apathy could not have been so stirred as this.

Of Mr. Roosevelt's fitness for the Presidency it is not necessary to speak. The fidelity and ability with which he has discharged the duties of this high office since McKinley died are earnest enough of the fashion in which he will conduct himself as its elected occupant. A more available man for the Vice-Presidency could hardly have been chosen than Mr. Fairbanks. His chiefest work, other things being after their accustomed nature, will be as President pro tem. of the Senate. He has been a member of that body for the past seven years. When chosen his law practice was among the largest in the Middle West, but he laid it all aside and devoted

himself wholly to the affairs that demanded his attention as Senator. Few of his colleagues can boast a similar record and he will succeed to the gavel of the Senate with a thorough knowledge of the Senate's affairs. The issues of the approaching campaign were outlined at Chicago in the wonderful speeches delivered by Elihu Root and Joseph G. Cannon. The former reviewed the benefits the country has enjoyed at the hands of Republican administrations in the last eight years, while Mr. Cannon told of the prosperity that has come in the 44 years since protection began to be an American principle. No other issues can be found aside from those contained in these two speeches, seek as the enemy may. Two men who measure up to or could be measured by these issues more closely than Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Fairbanks could not be found.—Pittsburg Times.

MINISTER AS AN ADVERTISEMENT

Minister as an Advertisement. The minister is put to a good many uses aside from his regular clerical duties. Sometimes he is taken advantage of in the most unexpected ways. A newly-appointed English minister was requested by his wife to stop at a store and order some groceries. The minister, while on his way to make a pastoral visit, called at the shop in question. It was a small and unimportant establishment on a back street. Some minutes passed, and as no one appeared to attend to him, he knocked on the counter. This having no effect, he gave a smart double rap, when a curly-headed youngster put his head round the doorpost and lisped: "Father's comin'."

By the time the father arrived the minister had almost lost his temper. "What ever do you mean by keeping me waiting all this time?" he said sharply. "I am very sorry, sir," replied the man, "but you see, it's like this: you're the first minister as I've had in my shop, and as a good many people seemed to be passing by, I thought what a good advertisement you was a-standin' there!"

The Temperance at Chicago. New York Sun (Dem.)

Because no extraordinary enthusiasm has distinguished the proceedings of the Republican National convention and because few throats have gone lame from shouting approval and adulation of Mr. Roosevelt, it does not follow that the Republican campaign will lack energy or calorific.

Because the management has offended, alienated and turned out to grass a good many of the old Republican warhorses, it does not follow that the campaign will not be conducted with masterly skill in the most scientific manner. Because the Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks is so unlike Mr. Roosevelt in his habits of thought, speech and action as to produce a contract almost humorous at first sight, it does not follow that Mr. Fairbanks' name will not strengthen the ticket greatly.

Better keep these three things in mind in making forecasts for November.

The Daily West Virginian contains more good reading matter than any other paper in Marion county.

MEDICAL BLACK ART.

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suffer no more if the shoe of the left foot is turned sole up under the foot of the bed. It not being convenient or advisable to hang a beef's liver in the case, a card states that a stammering child can be cured if "a bloody liver of a beef is thrown in its face while stammering."

Children who are subject to fits may be cured if the parents will tie a small sack containing a gum camphor and a powdered sulphur, jam camphor and dried onion around its neck. "Conjure bags" used by the voodoo negroes of the southern states are guaranteed to cure every ill, and a cut open specimen reveals a piece of red flannel, a chicken bone, rusty nail, fish scales, salt, small red stone and a brass button—such an assortment as Shakespeare puts into his witches' cauldron as they brewed in darkness and tempest—

Fillet of a fenny snake, *** Eye of newt and toe of frog, Wool of bat and tongue of dog, Adder's fork and blind worm's sting, Lizard's leg and owl's wing.

A New England remedy for teething children is to wear a small sack of "Job's tears" around the neck, and the seed of the same is good for sore throat and diphtheria. Old and young in Maine and some other states believe that a nutmeg pierced and hung on a string around the neck will prevent boils, crop and neuralgia. The effect of a charm made of a Connecticut wooden nutmeg is not given. In Michigan and Minnesota a double cedar knot is carried in the pocket to ward off rheumatism and gout.

There is every evidence that the more ignorant the people the more prolific in superstitious beliefs, working of "charms," good and evil omens, etc. The advance of education and enlightenment will probably never entirely eradicate these beliefs, which have been handed down from Biblical days. The collection shows that to no part of the country, to no nationality, is superstition and a belief in the black art confined, but there may be found outcroppings through the world, savage and civilized. Classic traditions have been brought to this country from every part of Europe and Asia, but American born plant lore and black art partake of a practical character even if they do not pan out as practical.—New York Tribune.

The French Clock.

Have you heard, perhaps, a modern French clock—clackety-clackety-clackety, click, push-push-pus! There are always ornaments on the shelf where it stands and ornaments on the table and on the floor. It has gilt on its face and jewels on its hands, and it lives very fast—sixty minutes to the hour and twenty-four hours to the day—hurried hours, breathless minutes, crammed to the brim with excitement. * * * Clackety-clackety-clackety-clackety, push, push, push, quick, quick, quick! When I find one in the chamber where I am to sleep I always look carefully about for some safe hole in which to bestow it. If no other offers, my traveling bag will at least muffle its strenuous voice till the coming of the morn. But, alas, if the clock be small and round and easily hidden from sight in stray corners of the bag! Twice have I borne away the timepiece offered for my delectation. Twice has it fallen to my lot to explain to an energetic hostess my peculiar conduct. Now I always put it under the mattress. If I go away and forget it, I am only regarded as a little crazy, which is surely better than rolling up a reputation for kleptomaniac.—Atlantic.

A Very Gay Ghost.

"No," said the widow, with a sigh: "Mrs. Buttin does not call upon me any more. She called right after I moved in here and was perfectly lovely. She did not know I was a widow, and I did not take the trouble to enlighten her. She spied a photograph of the late lamented on the mantel. "Your dearly beloved, I presume," she said, with a smirk, and a nodded assent. "She called again a few days later. After a few commonplace remarks she glanced at that photograph again and said in a poor child how I pity you sort of way: "My dear, I don't want to make any trouble, but I saw him at the other the other night with a big, stout, blond girl! "Great heavens!" I gasped, with affected horror. "That is strange. I buried him five years ago. What would you advise me to do?"

Genesis of the Jig.

The jig is the oldest of the Irish national dances. Owing to the analogous word "zigzag" and the fact that jigs were danced all over Italy in the sixteenth century, the mistake has sometimes been made of supposing the dance to be of southern origin. Against that it may be urged that Gesualdus, the Italian composer of that time, imitated the old Irish national music, and so the jig may have traveled to Italy as well as the tunes for it. Jigs, too, were danced in Ireland long before the sixteenth century, and, to conclude, no other country would have been allowed to invent it, for, as an Irish writer tells us, in refutation of the Italian theory, "the first known dance tune in England, dating back to the thirteenth century, was a kind of jig, and it is certain the English didn't invent it!"

Many Generations.

The case of six generations living is given by Tennyson thus: "Daughter, arise; thy daughter to her daughter take whose daughter's daughter crieth." George Hakewill, in the seventeenth century, had imagined one descent more, for in his "Apologie" he writes that the mother said to her daughter, "Daughter, bid thy daughter tell her daughter that her daughter's daughter hath a daughter," a credible injunction in the case of a centenarian only.

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